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LIVESTOCK NUMBERS IN SELECTED COUNTRIES

Cattle, sheep, and goat numbers in selected major countries were down slightly at the beginning of 1977. Hog numbers increased to within 3 percent of the 1974 record while horse numbers appear to have stabilized from a declining trend.

Cattle

Cattle numbers in selected major countries declined for the second consecutive year during 1976. On January 1, 1977, numbers were down about 1 percent to 715 million head. There were declines of 1 percent or more in 15 of the 52 countries listed. Increases in cattle numbers were limited, for the most part, to developing countries, and Japan where producers were encouraged to expand herds by attractive meat prices.

Drought was an important factor in the herd reduction in almost all of the countries showing declines. In the United States and Canada, where numbers were down 4 percent in each country during 1976, unfavorable feed/cattle price ratios have been an important factor in a 2-year drop in numbers. The decline in the United States of over 5 million head last year, was 80 percent of the cattle herd reduction in the listed countries.

In Mexico, numbers were down 2 percent during 1976, the first decline in over 15 years. Depressed U.S. feeder cattle prices during 1974 and 1975 caused a reduction in Mexican feeder cattle exports, which in turn caused Mexican ranchers to cull their herds. Mexican feeder cattle exports to the United States were up sharply in late 1976, but that was due primarily to the peso devaluation. Sales were also higher because Mexican ranchers sold cattle for fear that the new Government's land reform policies would reduce their landholdings.

After a 2-year expansion, cattle numbers declined 1.2 percent in Argentina because of drought and disappointment with the West European beef market.

Chile was the only other South American country whose cattle numbers dropped during 1976. The 7 percent fall in

numbers was due primarily to record cattle slaughter as a result of attractive beef prices, were caused in part by a sharp reduction in beef imports from Argentina.

In Europe, there were cattle herd reductions of 1 percent or more in France, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Finland, the German Democratic Republic, and Poland. The largest declines, occurred in the United Kingdom, where numbers fell 4.5 percent because of 2 years of drought, and Poland, down 5.6 percent, because of both drought and restricted beef export markets in Western Europe.

Cattle numbers in the USSR declined for the first time since 1969 because of feed shortages caused by poor harvests in the 1975/1976 crop year. However, losses were limited to only about 1 percent of the 1976 beginning year inventory.

Because of drought and depressed world beef prices, Australian numbers fell 4.3 percent to 32.0 million head for the first decline in over 10 years. In New Zealand, where cattle numbers fell 2 percent last year, it is believed that farmers were trending to shift to sheep production because of depressed world beef and dairy markets.

Cattle numbers in South Korea fell 2.8 percent during 1976. Korean farmers have been selling native breeds for beef and appear to be moving toward more profitable imported dairy and beef breeds.

In 1977 the world beef market is expected to improve only slightly with the traditional importers (Canada, the United States, Japan, and the European Community) expected to take only about 50,000 tons more beef and veal than in 1976. Total imports by these countries would be only 66 percent of the level reached in 1973. The lack of real growth in these premium price markets is expected to slow or retard the growth in cattle numbers in Argentina, New Zealand, and Uruguay, and cause a continued reduction in numbers in Australia.

In Canada and the United States, numbers are expected to fall again as cow slaughter continued heavy in the first half of this year.

In the EC, cattle numbers are expected to be up slightly during 1977 because of improved weather conditions and continued high import taxes and duties on beef. Cattle numbers would increase further in the EC except for an expected slight decline in France.

Soviet cattle numbers are expected to recover during 1977 because of improved pastures and feed supplies.

In Japan, numbers are expected to continue to increase as favorable dairy feeder steer/imported corn price ratios are expected to encourage herd expansion.

Hogs

Hog numbers in selected major countries increased 4 percent during 1976 to 379 million head, after falling 5.5 percent in 1975. After an 11 percent slump during 1975, U.S. hog numbers rebounded about 11 percent during 1976 because of a more favorable grain/hog price ratio. In Canada, numbers were up 3.3 percent after an 8.2 percent fall the previous year.

EC hog numbers were up 2.2 percent, recovering from declines in the 2 previous years.

Hog numbers were also up in most of the other European countries with the exception of Poland and Portugal. Polish numbers fell 23 percent last year because the 1976 drought reduced potato and other nonconcentrate feed supplies, which are important feeds for pigs in Poland.

In Portugal numbers have declined for 2 years because of heavy slaughter programs to combat swine fever and cutbacks in breeding herds, in 1975, when large landowners fled their estates because of the new Government's land reform programs.

Soviet hog numbers increased 9 percent last year after falling 20 percent during 1975. The Soviets were able to start a recovery in hog numbers because meat imports were maintained at high levels and breeding animals were

preserved during the drought-stimulated cutback in hog inventories.

Japanese hog numbers reached a record 8.5 million head at the start of 1977 after declining for the previous 2 years. Improved prices encouraged herd expansion.

In 1977, abundant grain supplies and lower prices are expected to encourage further expansion in hog numbers in most countries.

Sheep

Sheep numbers in major selected countries fell slightly during 1976 to register 684 million head at the beginning of this year.

The largest absolute declines occurred in Iran and Australia. In Iran continued migration of villagers to cities and government efforts to regulate overgrazed areas are cited as the principal reasons for the fall in numbers.

In Australia, dry weather in the breeding season and heavy exports of live sheep to the middle east caused the decline in numbers.

Goats

Goat numbers in selected countries declined slightly in 1976 to 84 million head as of early 1977. The only major change among these was in Mexico, where numbers edged to 9.3 million head after falling for 2 years.

Horses

Horse numbers in selected countries were up slightly during 1976 to 38 million head, reversing a long-term decline. The increase in 1976 was due to a 4 percent increase in Mexico and only slight changes in the other countries. Horse numbers appear to have reached a stable level.

CATTLE AND BUFFALO: NUMBERS IN SPECIFIED COUNTRIES - AVERAGE 1968-72, ANNUAL 1973-77
IN UNITS OF 1,000 HEAD

REGION AND COUNTRY	AVERAGE 1968-72	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977 ^{1/}
NORTH AMERICA:						
CANADA.....	11,791	12,726	13,210	14,008	13,696	13,185
COSTA RICA.....	1,501	1,694	1,742	1,816	1,894	1,970
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.....	1,207	1,500	1,837	1,900	1,950	2,100
EL SALVADOR.....	1,294 ^{2/}	1,008	1,038	1,074	1,100	1,162
GUATEMALA.....	1,503	1,808	1,916	2,031	2,148	2,270
HONDURAS.....	1,561	1,641	1,661	1,689	1,750	1,800
MEXICO.....	24,844	26,830	27,512	28,700	29,200	28,600
NICARAGUA.....	1,976	2,295	2,400	2,500	2,600	2,720
PANAMA.....	1,199	1,312	1,333	1,348	1,361	1,375
UNITED STATES.....	112,839	121,534	127,670	131,826	127,976	122,896
TOTAL.....	159,714	172,348	180,319	186,892	183,675	178,078
SOUTH AMERICA:						
ARGENTINA.....	50,060 ^{2/}	54,771	58,250	59,550	59,050	58,350
BRAZIL.....	85,510 ^{2/}	86,135	92,000	94,000	95,000	96,000
CHILE.....	2,892	2,890	3,456	3,606	3,336	3,100
COLOMBIA.....	19,974	22,100	23,032	23,032	23,222	23,859
ECUADOR.....	2,200	2,400	2,465	2,593	2,725	2,864
PERU.....	4,018 ^{2/}	3,800	4,144	4,200	4,260	4,300
URUGUAY.....	8,757	9,860	10,961	11,362	10,701	10,750
VENEZUELA.....	8,434	8,843	9,088	9,404	9,592	9,784
TOTAL.....	181,846	190,799	203,396	207,747	207,886	209,007
EUROPE:						
WESTERN:						
EC:						
BELGIUM/LUXEMBOURG.....	2,862	2,954	3,104	3,103	3,011	3,016
DENMARK.....	2,897	2,810	3,100	3,060	3,060	3,060
FRANCE.....	21,680	22,556	23,949	24,327	23,841	23,510
GERMANY, FEDERAL REP. OF.....	13,998	13,892	14,364	14,430	14,493	14,520
IRELAND.....	5,253	5,945	6,408	5,966	6,000	6,060
ITALY.....	9,342	8,738	8,487	8,243	8,529	8,900
NETHERLANDS.....	3,803	4,117	4,723	4,719	4,606	4,523
UNITED KINGDOM.....	12,348	13,760	14,839	14,840	13,915	13,300
TOTAL EC.....	72,184	74,772	78,974	79,222	77,421	76,889
AUSTRIA.....	2,460	2,514	2,624	2,581	2,500	2,489
FINLAND.....	1,845	1,712	1,780	1,704	1,702	1,661
GREECE.....	1,048	1,065	1,234	1,251	1,300	1,350
NORWAY.....	963	947	963	947	901	900
PORTUGAL.....	1,114 ^{2/}	1,400	1,072	1,100	1,000	1,000
SPAIN.....	4,192	4,475	4,413	4,417	4,408	4,412
SWEDEN.....	1,938	1,886	1,909	1,879	1,876	1,870
SWITZERLAND.....	1,859	1,911	1,973	1,964	2,005	2,000
TOTAL.....	87,603	90,682	94,942	95,065	93,113	92,571
EASTERN:						
BULGARIA.....	1,397	1,512	1,521	1,622	1,725	1,790
CZECHOSLOVAKIA.....	4,309	4,466	4,556	4,566	4,555	4,654
GERMANY, DEMOCRATIC REP. OF.....	5,156	5,379	5,482	5,585	5,532	5,470
HUNGARY.....	1,957	1,893	1,931	2,018	1,904	1,888
POLAND.....	10,344	11,265	12,309	12,815	12,762	12,045
ROMANIA.....	5,249	5,767	5,897	5,983	6,126	6,349
YUGOSLAVIA.....	5,307	5,366	5,681	5,872	5,755	5,830
TOTAL.....	33,720	35,648	37,377	38,461	38,359	38,026
SOVIET UNION.....	97,945	104,006	106,266	109,122	111,034	110,300
AFRICA:						
SOUTH AFRICA.....	11,142	11,741	11,911	12,333	12,774	13,146
TOTAL.....	11,142	11,741	11,911	12,333	12,774	13,146
ASIA:						
CHINA, REP. OF (TAIWAN).....	307	248	235	242	249	249
IRAN.....	6,039	6,615	7,265	7,200	7,250	7,300
ISRAEL.....	239	260	280	300	323	320
JAPAN.....	3,478	3,569	3,650	3,644	3,723	3,875
KOREA, REP. OF.....	1,253	1,374	1,545	1,858	1,642	1,601
PHILIPPINES.....	6,184	7,036	5,107	4,769	4,462	4,450
TURKEY.....	14,470	14,084	14,259	14,410	14,802	15,000
TOTAL.....	31,970	33,186	32,341	32,423	32,451	32,795
OCEANIA:						
AUSTRALIA.....	22,747	29,101	30,839	32,793	33,434	32,000
NEW ZEALAND.....	8,644	9,088	9,415	9,645	9,769	9,572
TOTAL.....	31,392	38,189	40,254	42,438	43,203	41,572
TOTAL SELECTED COUNTRIES	635,331	676,599	706,806	724,481	722,495	715,495

NOTES: VARIOUS DATES OF ENUMERATION ARE USED BY THE COUNTRIES REPORTING ANIMAL NUMBERS. THIS TABLE CLASSIFIES THESE DATA AS CLOSE TO JANUARY 1 AS POSSIBLE.

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HOGS: NUMBERS IN SPECIFIED COUNTRIES - AVERAGE 1968-72; ANNUAL 1973-77
IN UNITS OF 1,000 HEAD

REGION AND COUNTRY	AVERAGE 1968-72	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977 ^{1/}
NORTH AMERICA:						
CANADA.....	6,719	7,301	6,991	5,895	5,409	5,587
COSTA RICA.....	201	216	215	215	215	215
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.....	496	515	694	700	705	710
EL SALVADOR.....	406 2/	417	419	420	425	430
GUATEMALA.....	804	881	880	860	839	840
HONDURAS.....	776	490	500	511	520	733
MEXICO.....	10,197	9,400	11,663	12,100	13,000	13,200
NICARAGUA.....	558	590	600	650	670	690
PANAMA.....	174	188	175	166	179	190
UNITED STATES.....	61,327	59,180	61,106	55,062	49,602	55,085
TOTAL.....	81,659	79,178	83,243	76,579	71,564	77,680
SOUTH AMERICA:						
ARGENTINA.....	4,260 2/	5,000	4,120	4,200	4,100	4,150
BRAZIL.....	44,986 2/	34,000	42,000	43,500	45,000	47,000
CHILE.....	1,039	989	776	698	891	850
COLOMBIA.....	2,509	1,729	1,805	1,950	1,897	1,900
ECUADOR.....	1,036	1,100	1,129	1,163	1,200	1,238
PERU.....	1,888 2/	1,800	2,135	2,120	2,100	1,960
URUGUAY.....	392	410	415	418	418	410
VENEZUELA.....	1,656	1,570	1,795	1,879	1,966	2,056
TOTAL.....	57,766	46,598	54,175	55,928	57,572	59,564
EUROPE:						
WESTERN:						
EC:						
BELGIUM/LUXEMBOURG.....	3,250	4,388	4,821	4,761	4,765	4,938
DENMARK.....	8,328	8,699	8,242	8,054	7,585	7,897
FRANCE.....	10,722	11,374	11,425	12,031	11,451	11,638
GERMANY, FEDERAL REP. OF.....	19,608	20,028	20,452	20,234	19,805	20,728
IRELAND.....	1,089	1,007	1,035	796	880	902
ITALY.....	7,981	8,201	8,201	8,814	8,888	9,150
NETHERLANDS.....	5,464	6,409	6,914	7,143	7,059	7,150
UNITED KINGDOM.....	8,231	8,839	9,268	7,827	7,668	7,800
TOTAL EC.....	64,672	68,945	70,358	69,660	68,101	70,203
AUSTRIA.....	3,152	3,256	3,290	3,517	3,683	3,865
FINLAND.....	867	1,021	1,099	1,027	1,032	1,066
GREECE.....	590	612	858	788	750	750
NORWAY.....	582	634	692	594	543	561
PORTUGAL.....	1,809 2/	2,100	1,977	2,000	1,500	1,400
SPAIN.....	6,560	8,472	8,308	7,865	8,583	8,750
SWEDEN.....	2,187	2,370	2,376	2,446	2,485	2,585
SWITZERLAND.....	1,830	2,136	2,064	1,964	2,005	2,001
TOTAL.....	82,249	89,546	91,022	89,861	88,682	91,181
EASTERN:						
BULGARIA.....	2,319	2,594	2,431	3,422	3,439	3,453
CZECHOSLOVAKIA.....	5,448	6,093	6,266	6,719	6,683	6,820
GERMANY, DEMOCRATIC REP. OF.....	9,539	10,361	10,849	11,518	11,501	11,291
HUNGARY.....	6,612	6,859	8,011	8,294	6,953	7,855
POLAND.....	14,925	19,023	21,451	21,708	21,643	16,764
ROMANIA.....	6,336	8,785	8,987	8,566	8,813	10,192
YUGOSLAVIA.....	5,856	6,342	7,401	7,683	6,536	6,863
TOTAL.....	51,034	60,061	65,396	67,910	66,018	63,238
SOVIET UNION.....	58,977	66,593	70,032	72,272	57,900	63,000
AFRICA:						
SOUTH AFRICA.....	1,316	1,450	1,465	1,480	1,495	1,500
TOTAL.....	1,316	1,450	1,465	1,480	1,495	1,500
ASIA:						
CHINA, REP OF (TAIWAN).....	3,008	3,831	3,638	2,809	3,315	3,321
IRAN.....	45	60	60	55	50	50
JAPAN.....	6,238	7,313	8,018	7,684	7,459	8,500
KOREA, REP OF.....	1,297	1,248	1,595	1,818	1,246	1,951
PHILIPPINES.....	6,738	8,627	6,714	6,602	6,489	6,500
TURKEY.....	17	12	13	15	16	17
TOTAL.....	17,342	21,091	20,038	18,983	18,575	20,339
OCEANIA:						
AUSTRALIA.....	2,499	3,259	2,505	2,197	2,178	2,300
NEW ZEALAND.....	588	507	462	455	460	459
TOTAL.....	3,088	3,766	2,967	2,652	2,638	2,759
TOTAL SELECTED COUNTRIES	353,431	368,283	388,338	385,665	364,444	379,261

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SHEEP: NUMBERS IN SPECIFIED COUNTRIES - AVERAGE 1968-72, ANNUAL 1973-77
IN UNITS OF 1,000 HEAD

REGION AND COUNTRY	AVERAGE 1968-72	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977 ^{1/}
NORTH AMERICA:						
CANADA.....	566	587	562	541	505	490
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.....	25	25	27	27	27	27
EL SALVADOR.....	4 ^{2/}	4	5	4	4	4
GUATEMALA.....	616	572	560	540	520	510
HONDURAS.....	4	5	5	5	5	5
MEXICO.....	5,884	5,480	5,380	5,300	5,300	5,000
UNITED STATES.....	20,478	17,724	16,394	14,512	13,376	12,710
TOTAL.....	27,577	24,397	22,933	20,929	19,737	18,746
SOUTH AMERICA:						
ARGENTINA.....	42,364 ^{2/}	41,000	38,000	38,500	38,000	37,500
BRAZIL.....	24,774 ^{2/}	26,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
CHILE.....	5,966	4,801	5,094	5,915	5,606	5,700
COLOMBIA.....	1,793	1,775	1,812	1,812	1,921	2,036
ECUADOR.....	1,162	1,100	1,097	1,107	1,118	1,129
PERU.....	15,905 ^{2/}	13,000	15,400	15,310	15,000	14,500
URUGUAY.....	19,200	17,000	15,120	14,938	15,974	16,200
VENEZUELA.....	100	100	101	102	103	104
TOTAL.....	111,265	104,776	101,624	102,684	102,722	102,169
EUROPE:						
WESTERN:						
EC:						
BELGIUM/LUXEMBOURG.....	77	73	74	81	83	85
DENMARK.....	76	56	59	61	63	65
FRANCE.....	9,879	10,191	10,104	10,569	10,803	10,945
GERMANY, FEDERAL REP. OF.....	834	908	1,016	1,040	1,087	1,140
IRELAND.....	2,866	2,835	2,845	2,711	2,503	2,380
ITALY.....	8,085	7,770	8,757	8,953	9,092	9,180
NETHERLANDS.....	576	657	749	760	780	798
UNITED KINGDOM.....	19,299	19,557	20,193	20,187	19,536	19,500
TOTAL EC.....	41,691	42,047	43,797	44,362	43,947	44,093
AUSTRIA.....	120	119	136	154	169	174
FINLAND.....	104	100	97	82	72	61
GREECE.....	7,639	7,874	8,350	8,403	8,900	9,000
NORWAY.....	893	832	825	804	811	816
PORTUGAL.....	3,394 ^{2/}	2,300	2,400	2,500	2,200	2,100
SPAIN.....	18,528	17,191	16,306	16,257	15,745	15,500
SWEDEN.....	334	348	372	368	382	385
SWITZERLAND.....	294	336	359	366	377	375
TOTAL.....	72,996	71,147	72,642	73,296	72,603	72,504
EASTERN:						
BULGARIA.....	9,717	9,921	9,765	9,791	10,014	9,725
CZECHOSLOVAKIA.....	913	889	842	811	805	790
GERMANY, DEMOCRATIC REP. OF.....	1,703	1,657	1,742	1,847	1,882	1,870
HUNGARY.....	2,263	1,936	1,813	2,021	2,039	2,348
POLAND.....	2,700	2,626	2,595	2,660	2,794	3,018
ROMANIA.....	14,081	14,455	14,302	13,929	13,865	14,327
YUGOSLAVIA.....	9,216	7,774	7,852	8,175	7,831	7,780
TOTAL.....	40,593	39,258	38,911	39,234	39,230	39,858
SOVIET UNION.....	137,536	139,086	142,634	145,305	141,436	139,700
AFRICA:						
SOUTH AFRICA.....	35,697	33,303	30,485	31,589	31,759	31,833
TOTAL.....	35,697	33,303	30,485	31,589	31,759	31,833
ASIA:						
CHINA, REP OF (TAIWAN).....	1	3 ^{3/}	3 ^{3/}	3 ^{3/}	1	1
IRAN.....	32,600	34,000	35,000	36,500	33,500	30,000
ISRAEL.....	197	190	197	212	230	210
JAPAN.....	45	17	16	12	10	10
KOREA, REP OF.....	2	4	4	5	6	7
PHILIPPINES.....	2	2	2	2	2	2
TURKEY.....	36,409	38,806	40,093	40,539	41,366	41,700
TOTAL.....	69,256	73,019	75,312	77,270	75,115	71,930
OCEANIA:						
AUSTRALIA.....	173,260	140,029	145,175	151,652	148,643	136,000
NEW ZEALAND.....	60,097	56,684	55,883	55,315	55,327	55,902
TOTAL.....	233,356	196,713	201,058	206,967	203,970	191,902
TOTAL SELECTED COUNTRIES	728,277	681,699	685,599	697,274	686,572	668,642

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NORTH AMERICA:						
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.....	105	106	110	111	112	113
EL SALVADOR.....	14 ^{2/}	14	15	11	12	13
GUATEMALA.....	85	77	76	76	76	76
HONDURAS.....	21	22	22	22	22	22
MEXICO.....	8,958	8,617	9,240	8,800	8,900	9,300
UNITED STATES.....	2,546	1,600	1,350	1,150	1,120	1,300
TOTAL.....	11,728	10,438	10,813	10,170	10,242	10,824
SOUTH AMERICA:						
ARGENTINA.....	5,380 ^{2/}	5,500	5,400	5,500	5,600	5,700
BRAZIL.....	14,845 ^{2/}	16,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
CHILE.....	868	865	835	800	584	600
COLOMBIA.....	906	637	675	626	632	651
PERU.....	1,876 ^{2/}	1,950	2,012	2,020	2,050	2,060
URUGUAY.....	9	8	8	8	8	8
VENEZUELA.....	1,455	1,419	1,427	1,436	1,444	1,453
TOTAL.....	25,338	26,379	16,357	16,390	16,318	16,472
EUROPE:						
WESTERN:						
EC:						
BELGIUM/LUXEMBOURG.....	3	3	4	4	5	5
FRANCE.....	920	899	923	960	991	1,015
GERMANY, FEDERAL REP. OF....	63	40	38	38	38	38
ITALY.....	1,039	950	948	958	940	935
TOTAL EC.....	2,026	1,892	1,913	1,960	1,974	1,993
AUSTRIA.....	70	51	49	46	43	40
GREECE.....	3,958	4,262	4,479	4,514	4,700	4,750
NORWAY.....	76	62	61	58	55	53
PORTUGAL.....	654 ^{2/}	710	741	650	625	625
SPAIN.....	2,622	2,464	2,207	2,392	2,339	2,300
SWITZERLAND.....	72	69	69	70	70	70
TOTAL.....	9,478	9,510	9,519	9,690	9,806	9,831
EASTERN:						
BULGARIA.....	353	302	286	299	321	325
CZECHOSLOVAKIA.....	325	212	174	140	121	120
GERMANY, DEMOCRATIC REP. OF..	169	96	78	65	53	50
HUNGARY.....	80	35	35	35	15	15
POLAND.....	147	104	300	300	300	300
ROMANIA.....	606	534	499	443	445	450
YUGOSLAVIA.....	161	150	150	150	150	150
TOTAL.....	1,840	1,433	1,522	1,432	1,405	1,410
SOVIET UNION.....	5,412	5,604	5,900	5,927	5,655	5,500
AFRICA:						
SOUTH AFRICA.....	4,880	5,363	5,410	5,709	5,802	5,615
TOTAL.....	4,880	5,363	5,410	5,709	5,802	5,615
ASIA:						
CHINA, REP OF (TAIWAN).....	166	178	181	188	191	210
IRAN.....	14,240	15,000	15,000	14,500	14,000	13,500
ISRAEL.....	139	139	138	140	142	138
JAPAN.....	175	137	124	111	94	100
KOREA, REP OF.....	117	152	194	253	250	250
PHILIPPINES.....	820	1,248	1,300	1,350	1,350	1,350
TURKEY.....	19,982	18,483	18,700	18,746	18,763	18,750
TOTAL.....	35,639	35,337	35,637	35,288	34,790	34,298
TOTAL SELECTED COUNTRIES	94,316	94,064	85,158	84,606	84,018	83,950

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REGION AND COUNTRY	AVERAGE 1968-72	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977 ^{1/}
NORTH AMERICA:						
CANADA.....	358	340	345	345	345	345
COSTA RICA ^{2/}	117	102	116	118	120	120
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.....	200	200	200	201	202	202
EL SALVADOR ^{2/}	104 ^{3/}	110	120	85	86	87
GUATEMALA ^{2/}	202	190	190	190	190	190
HONDURAS ^{2/}	213	216	217	217	217	217
MEXICO ^{2/}	10,933	10,600	8,898	8,800	8,900	9,300
TOTAL.....	12,128	11,758	10,086	9,956	10,060	10,461
SOUTH AMERICA:						
ARGENTINA.....	3,620 ^{3/}	3,500	2,750	2,700	2,680	2,700
BRAZIL.....	9,165 ^{3/}	9,500	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
CHILE.....	479	470	460	450	450	450
COLOMBIA.....	1,145	1,331	1,388	626	632	651
PERU.....	1,406	1,450	1,327	1,330	1,335	1,340
URUGUAY.....	492	490	492	493	492	490
VENEZUELA.....	429	450	454	458	463	466
TOTAL.....	16,736	17,191	13,871	13,057	13,052	13,097
EUROPE:						
WESTERN:						
EC:						
BELGIUM/LUXEMBOURG.....	74	59	58	55	54	52
DENMARK.....	44	50	55	58	58	60
FRANCE.....	695	447	425	413	400	390
GERMANY, FEDERAL REP. OF.....	264	283	320	325	341	350
IRELAND.....	122	103	98	99	97	97
ITALY.....	290	257	249	250	253	241
NETHERLANDS.....	93	73	77	79	78	77
TOTAL EC.....	1,583	1,272	1,282	1,279	1,281	1,267
AUSTRIA.....	54	40	39	40	41	41
FINLAND.....	99	52	45	40	37	31
GREECE.....	247	195	180	169	160	160
NORWAY.....	37	26	24	23	21	20
PORTUGAL ^{2/}	303 ^{3/}	293	30	30	30	30
SPAIN.....	289	261	264	259	250	261
SWEDEN.....	60	50	45	75	75	75
SWITZERLAND.....	53	47	48	47	47	46
TOTAL.....	2,725	2,236	1,957	1,962	1,942	1,931
EASTERN:						
BULGARIA.....	187	148	142	137	133	130
CZECHOSLOVAKIA.....	143	100	84	71	62	60
GERMANY, DEMOCRATIC REP. OF.....	158	94	82	76	70	70
HUNGARY.....	240	189	172	163	156	150
POLAND.....	2,579	2,401	2,387	2,339	2,100	2,050
ROMANIA.....	685	631	594	557	562	560
YUGOSLAVIA.....	1,075	964	945	922	864	820
TOTAL.....	5,066	4,527	4,406	4,256	3,947	3,840
SOVIET UNION.....	7,654	7,075	6,848	6,800	6,415	6,400
AFRICA:						
SOUTH AFRICA.....	400	440	200	200	200	200
TOTAL.....	400	440	200	200	200	200
ASIA:						
ISRAEL ^{2/}	14	13	12	11	10	10
JAPAN.....	153	73	66	43	36	40
KOREA, REP. OF.....	18	11	10	10	9	9
PHILIPPINES.....	296	310	310	310	310	300
TURKEY.....	1,104	962	936	878	871	860
TOTAL.....	1,586	1,369	1,334	1,252	1,236	1,219
OCEANIA:						
AUSTRALIA.....	457	446	446	446	445	445
TOTAL.....	457	446	446	446	445	445
TOTAL SELECTED COUNTRIES	46,753	45,042	39,148	37,929	37,297	37,593

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